North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025



Agenda

1:30 PM	Welcome and Introduction Committee Member Roll Call • Steve Troxler, Commissioner, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services • Rick Long, Installation Coordinator, NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs • Jeff Michael, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources • Kyle Briggs, Executive Director, NC Wildlife Resources Commission • Dr. Myron F. Floyd, Dean, College of Natural Resources, NC State University • Chester Lowder, Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison • Jeremy Goodwin, State Roadside Environmental Engineer, NC Department of Transportation	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture* Veronica Jamison *Farmland Preservation Office Manager*
1:35 PM	Reading of Ethics Reminder	David Smith
1:36 PM	Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2025	David Smith
1:40 PM	Committee Member Reports on NC Sentinel Landscape Activities • NCDA&CS Report • NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report • NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report	 Evan Davis *Farmland Preservation Director* Rick Long *Installation Coordinator* Jeff Michael *Deputy Secretary*
	• NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report • College of Natural Resources - NCSU Report • Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report • NC Department of Transportation	Kyle Briggs *Executive Director* Dr. Myron F. Floyd *Dean* Chester Lowder *Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison* Jeremy Goodwin *State Roadside Environmental Engineer*
2:30 PM	Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partner Spotlight • SERPPAS Principals Meeting	 Addie Thornton *SERPPAS Coordinator*
3:00 PM	Approval of ENCSL Strategic Plan	
3:15 PM	Review of Annual Report	
3:25 PM	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items • Ex-Officio Member Discussion	David Smith
3:40 PM	Public Comments	Public Attendees
3:45 PM	Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment	David Smith

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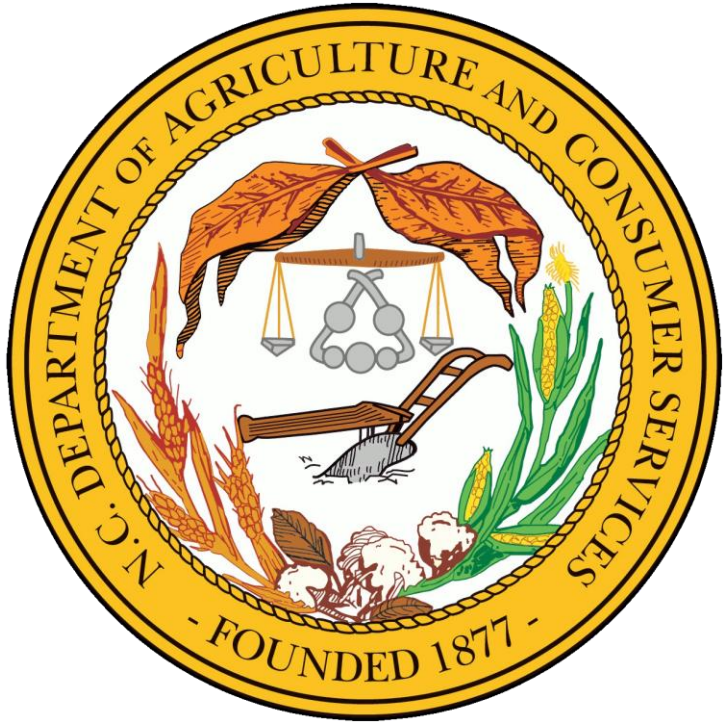
Ethics Reminder

- *Under the State Government Ethics Act, the chairman is required to remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest or appearances of conflicts of interest. If you have any conflict or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any item on the agenda, please state this for the record and refrain from inappropriate participation on that item.*

Approval of Minutes

- June 9, 2025

NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Report



Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements – Open Contracts

Farm Name	Military Partner	County	Grantee	Length	Acres
Boyd Farm	USAF-SJAFB	Washington	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	1,164.08
Futral Farm	MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune	Onslow	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	465.13
				Total Acres	**1,629.21**

Completed Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements Since 2016

Military Partner	Acres Conserved	Easements Recorded	Counties
USAF	10,905.494	20	Bertie, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington
Navy/USMC	3,982.161	7	Jones, Pamlico
Totals	**14,887.655**	**27**	**6**

Easement Purchase Funding Summary for Completed Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements

NCDA&CS Easement Purchase Funds	REPI (Military) Easement Purchase Funds	USDA Easement Purchase Funds	Landowner Donation of Easement Value	Total Easement Purchase Value
$11,006,794.34	$13,677,606.21	$5,063,613.78	$3,038,641.24	**$32,786,655.57**

MOU with NC MAC

Project	Award	Expenses thru August 2025	Balance
NCDA&CS Project	$40,100.00	$29,686.69	$10,413.31
Coordinator Position	$120,305.60	$0.00	$120,305.60
WLT Project	$53,467.00	$49,704.98	$3,762.02
NCFSWC Project	$53,467.00	$53,467.00	$0.00
TOTAL	**$267,339.60**	**$132,858.67**	**$134,480.93**

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report



NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report



NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report



Land Conservation Activities

June – July 2025

Recovery and Sustainment Program (RASP)

Treatment type	Holly Shelter Game Land (Pender County) Bear Garden Tract	Stones Creek Game Land (Onslow County)
Prescribed Fire	816 acres	
Mechanical and Timber Trmt	197 acres	190
Timber sale	211 acres clearcut 45 acres thinning	

Wildlife Conservation Lands Program (WCLP)

Counties	Number of Site Visits	Acres Impacted
5 Counties: Edgecombe, Harnett, Johnston, Sampson, Scotland	8	891

Other Activities

June – July 2025

Fieldwork for Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Goal: Increase knowledge of SGCN populations and trends to keep common species common.

Projects this period: No project specifics update at this time.

Green Growth Toolbox (GGT) and Partners for Green Growth (PGG)

Goal: share wildlife resources information to inform conservation-based land use planning, including 1) conservation priorities, 2) train on conservation data resources, and 3) examples of integrating priorities into county/city planning.

Greenville – hosted workshop for local government planners; 15 attendees and site visit to Tar River

NC Wildlife Action Plan

Goal: Development of a comprehensive wildlife resource conservation blueprint to be used by partners, stakeholders, sister agencies, and agency constituency.

Activities: Completed draft 10-year revision, number SGCN now 435 and added land snails, posted draft for public comment, and final due to USFWS Sept 30, 2025

NC State University College of Natural Resources Report



Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report



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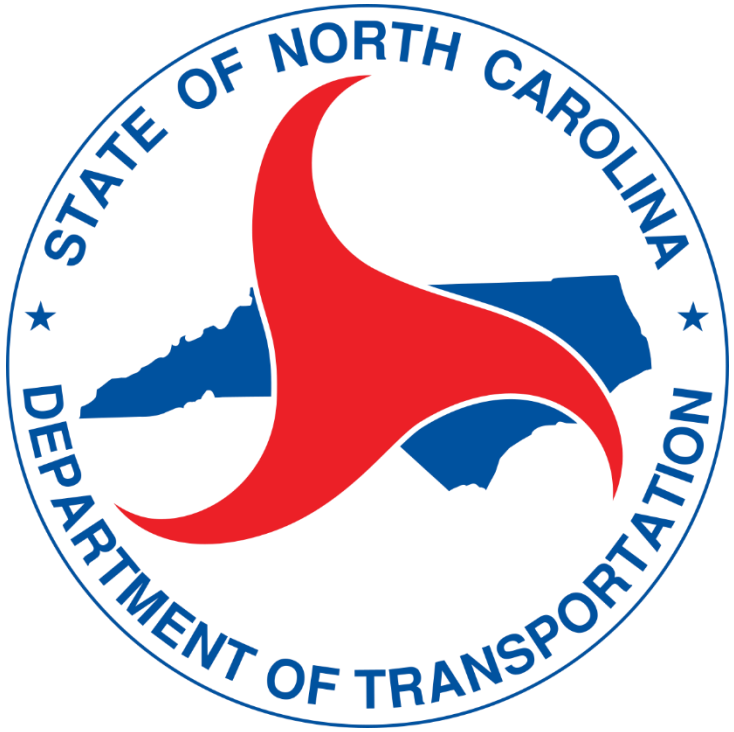
- Quarterly Meeting (7/23/2025)
  - NRCS Decision Memo-ALE/WRE Easement Funding
  - 2025 SERPPAS Principals Meeting
  - Future of Funding
  - Military Partner Briefs

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

- Proposals
  - REPI Challenge
  - Conventional REPI
  - Forest Legacy
- Regional Impact Briefs
- Camp Lejeune/MCAS New River MIRR
- Annual Report



NC Department of Transportation Report



Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partner Spotlight



2025 SERPPAS Principals Meeting

Addie Thornton

Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute



Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items



ENCSL Partnership Program Review-Final Steps to Closeout

- **ENCSL Partnership Strategic Plan:** Expeditious development of an updated ENCSL Strategic Plan

- **ENCSL Partnership Governance Structure:** Development of a formal governance structure for the ENCSL

- **ENCSL Partnership Capacity and Expertise:** Identifying and addressing outstanding capacity and expertise needs

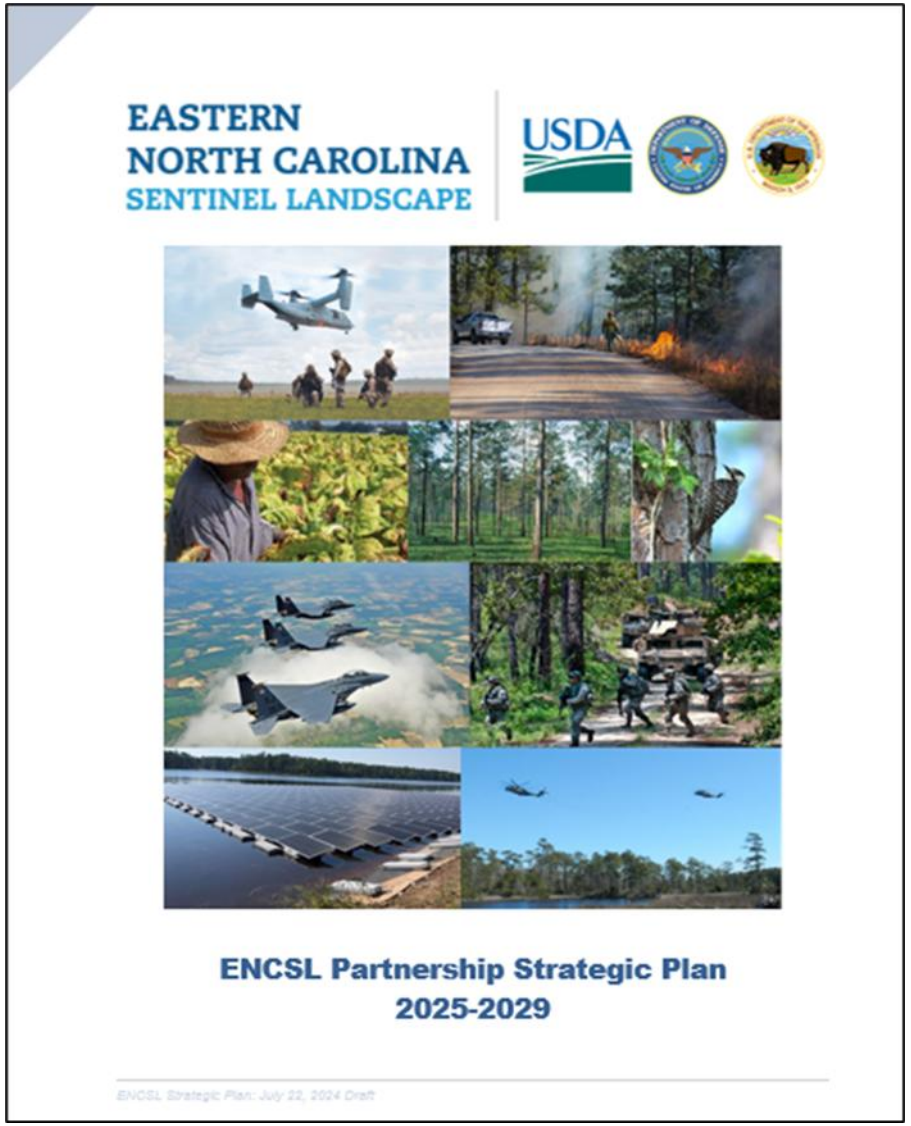
ENCSL Partnership Strategic Plan: Final Approval

ENCSL Strategic Plan Workshop Session

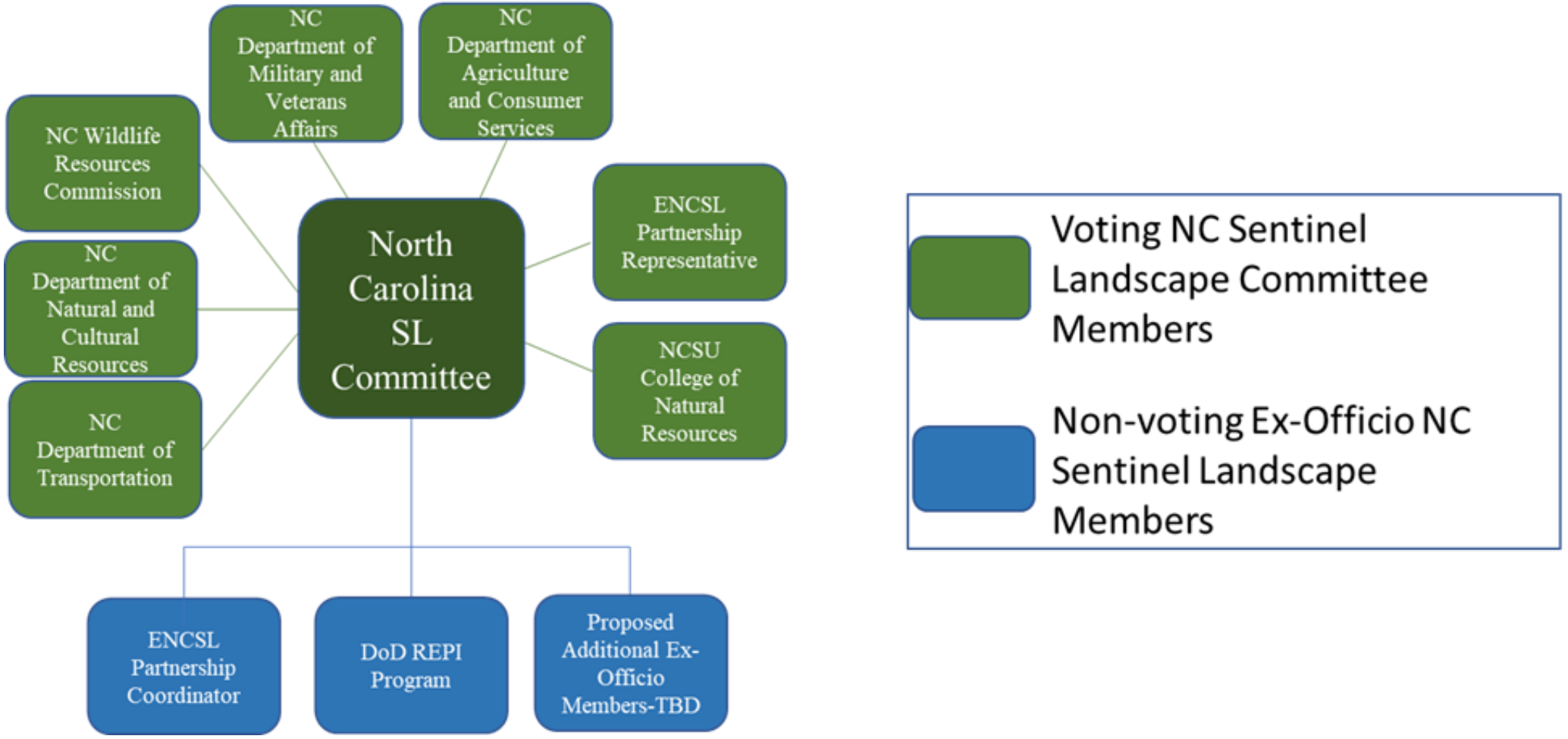
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Strategic Plan-Priority Sections Review

- Vision, Purpose, Principles, Priorities
- Threats/Challenge, Conservation Values, Resilience
- Committee Leadership & Structure/Working Groups
- Goals/Strategies/Action-High level
- Metrics/Communications



NC Sentinel Landscape Committee Ex-Officio Member Discussion



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment

